

Bulletin

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Confirmation Ceremony

On Friday morning, June 3rd, the first day of *Shavuot*, the annual confirmation service will take place in the Synagogue auditorium.

The eight members of this year's confirmation class will participate in the ceremonies. This year's confirmation theme is "Ideal Jewish Types". The various types to be discussed will be: the Prophet, Amos; the Philanthropist, Henrietta Szold; The Social Reformer, Justice Brandeis; Self Sacrifice, Colonel Marcus and Hannah Senesch; the Scholar and a Hassidic Rabbi.

Each member of the class will receive a gift of a Bible from the Sisterhood. On behalf of the School Board, Mrs. Isaac Brodsky will deliver a brief message.

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Liturgical Music Service, May 20th, To Feature Works by Israeli Composers

For the first time anywhere, a Sabbath Eve Service composed by 14 distinguished contemporary Israeli composers will be performed from manuscript when the Seventh Annual Service of Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers is presented by Cantor David J. Puttermann and the Choir under the direction of Max Helfman, on Friday, May 20th at 8:30 p. m.

Synagogue Women Lead UJA Groups

All women of our Synagogue are being called upon to play a part in "The Greatest Homecoming in History". This is what the 1949 United Jewish Appeal Campaign is making possible.

Never before has there been such a great movement of people as the glori-

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This year's program, which is presented under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education, is dedicated to "Israel Reborn" in the hope that through cultural interchange between Homeland and Diaspora, Jewish spiritual life will everywhere be enhanced. The program will be the occasion of the world's premiere, from manuscripts of the following selections:

Organ Suite, Herbert Brun; *Ma Tovu*, Marc Lavry; *Adonai Malach* (Psalm XCIII), P. Ben Haim; *Barechu*, Haim (Heinz) Alexander; *Ahavat Olam*, Aviassaf Bernstein; *Shema Yisrael*, Moshe Lustig; *Mi Chamocha*, Yehuda H. Wohl; *Veshamru*, Peter Gradenwitz; *Vayechulu*, Robert Starer; *Kiddush*, Naum Nardi; *Alenu*, Joseph Gruenthal; and *Adon Olam*, Karl Salomon. Works from the pen of Yedidia Gorochov and Salomo Rosowsky, which have been presented at previous such services will also be performed.

Members of the Congregation and their friends are urged to attend. Because of the large number of people who will want to attend, admission will be by ticket only and all members of the Synagogue will receive their tickets in the mail.

Following the service there will be an *Oneg Shabbat* and reception for the Israeli guests and composers at which time Congregants will have an opportunity to meet the guests.

Israel Commemorated

On Wednesday, May 4th, the 5th of Iyar, the Synagogue celebrated the 1st Anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel, with a short religious service in the evening. The service featured a message from Rabbi Steinberg.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sabbath Eve Friday, May 20th, 8:30 p.m.

Seventh Annual Service of Liturgical Music

(Last of the late Friday Evening Services)

Sabbath Morning Saturday, May 21st, 10:00 a.m.
Rabbi Milton Steinberg will preach

Sabbath Eve Friday, May 27th, 6:00 p.m.

Sabbath Morning Saturday, May 28th, 10:00 a.m.
Rabbi Milton Steinberg will preach

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

First Evening Thursday, June 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

First Morning Friday, June 3rd, 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Service—Rabbi Milton Steinberg will address the confirmants

Second Evening Friday, June 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Second Morning Saturday, June 4th, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Milton Steinberg will preach
Memorial Services will be held at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Junior Congregation Service at 10:30 a.m.

Musical portion of Services under the direction of Cantor Puttermann.
assisted by choir. Mr. Isidor Geller at the organ.

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Daily Evening Worship 5:45 p.m.

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From The Desk of Rabbi Steinberg

WHAT shall we look for in selecting our new associate or assistant rabbi?

He must, of course, be a *rabbi*, a competent preacher, a devoted pastor, an informed and ardent Jew. Our congregation has grown so large that, even were I well, its ministry would be beyond the powers of one man. Given the existent limitations on my activities, our need for a second rabbi is incontestable.

But what kind of a rabbi? What ought to be his special aptitudes and interests? To answer that question, let us consider what may be the largest voids, the most urgent lacks, in our present program. Where are we most clearly deficient as a Synagogue?

1. The Religious School

Until we acquire a new building with proper classrooms, our school will never be everything that it should be. Even now, it is a good school, remarkably so in view of the disabilities under which it functions. It enjoys most competent administration at the hands of our School Board, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Israel B. Oseas, and on the part of our principal, Mr. Martin Leichtling. It is a good school, but, let us be candid in the matter, it could be better. Its curriculum has long needed review; it has of late not experimented with new contents and techniques; it requires vigorous inspiring. All in all much must be done before the School is equal either to our expectations or the status of our Synagogue in other fields. But these are *rabbinic* tasks, tasks beyond the competence of lay Boards and principals. They

constitute the first requirement of our new rabbi: he must be capable, willing, eager to assume just such duties.

2. The High School

Where once we had a High School Department of three or more classes, there is now, except for a pair of informal seminars which I conduct, no High School Department at all. Which means that we are consistently losing our youth just at the age when they become most impressionable.

3. Clubs

Our club program has disintegrated almost into nothingness (the teen-age dances make a notable exception) for want of a philosophy and the attentive application of it. As a result, we are failing not only to open up to our youngsters the outlets they require, we are allowing them to drift to other congregations which minister more successfully to the interests of young people.

4. Collegiate Activities

Not in several years has there been in our midst an established organization of our young people of college age. What a proper organization on this level can mean to a Synagogue is discernible in our Junior League, which grew to its present active role in our life through the club and collegiate stages.

5. Adult Education

Our program in this field stands at the parting of ways. Our old techniques, so long successful, now seem played out. Yet given our past record of achievement, our present membership, the vigor and resourcefulness of our Committee on Adult Education, we can go on to conquer new worlds. *Provided*, we have a leader who has new, creative ideas to contribute, who holds them fervently and is able to see them through.

6. Guest Speakers

Between such prestige as our pulpit enjoys and the budget for speakers at the disposal of the Committee on Adult Education, it ought to be possible for us to bring to our congregation and the larger community a succession of lecturers of distinction. Indeed, our pulpit ought to be a rostrum for every person who has anything of importance to say concerning Jews, Judaism and religion generally. Here once again we have been losing an opportunity of consequence to our Synagogue, ourselves as individuals and Jewish and religious life as a whole.

Such is the catalogue of our most

"Respicere et Prospicere"

With this issue THE BULLETIN marks the end of another year—its third. It has not been an easy job but the staff has always felt that the effort was worth the trouble. If in any way THE BULLETIN has helped to make the members of the Synagogue cognizant of the varied activities of the many organizations that make up the Synagogue, and, at the same time, has helped to bind the organizations together by giving wider coverage to their many programs, we feel we have performed our basic function.

We would like to thank the various contributors for their cooperation. But there still is one problem which must be faced. *There are not enough people to do the work that has to be done*, so that if THE BULLETIN is again to be able to serve the Congregation in the future as it has in the past we must have your very active cooperation and support. *Can we count on you next year?*

—THE STAFF

Torah Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Frank E. Cross, Chairman of the Torah Scholarship Fund of the Synagogue, has announced the opening of the annual drive. The money raised will be sent to the Jewish Theological Seminary to be used for the scholarship needs of its students as well as for the training program of the Seminary.

The standard contribution of \$6.11, representing the total word value of the word Torah, may be multiplied as many times as desired. You are asked to make all checks payable to Torah Fund and sent to Mrs. Cross, 115 East 92nd Street, New York 28, N. Y. These contributions may be made in memory or in honor of a dear one and it will be recorded in that manner.

conspicuous lacks as a congregation which is also the catalogue of our brightest opportunities. From it only one conclusion is possible: our new rabbi must be a man to whom schools, classes, clubs, programs are a first love, a first duty, a first challenge. The man who fits these requirements is our man, no matter what else he may lack. The man who does not measure up to these specifications may possess every admirable trait otherwise, he will not answer our needs.

—MILTON STEINBERG

Men's Club to Hear Irving Davidson, May 17th

The last meeting of the Men's Club will take place Tuesday evening, May 17th at 8:30 p.m. in the Vestry. The evening will feature the election of new officers, their installation and the guest of the evening, Mr. Irving Davidson.

Mr. Davidson, a former principal of the Religious School, is a well-known Jewish wit and humorist and should provide the members with an evening of mirth and entertainment.

The Nominations Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jack Boorstein, will recommend the elections of the following persons: President, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Archie Thurman and Harold Starkman; Treasurer, Mr. Milton Sivek, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Robert Hoffman; and Recording Secretary, Dr. Arthur Morse. To the Board of Directors for a three-year term expiring 1952, Messrs. Dudley L. Greenstein, Louis I. Heller, Henry Howe and Maxwell Shapiro; for a two-year term expiring 1951, Mr. Samuel Kraft.

After the meeting the usual social will follow featured by the Men's Club "substantial" refreshments.

All male congregants are urged to attend and take part in this closing activity of the Men's Club.

Confirmation Service

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Order of Confirmation Services
Prayer Before the Ark... Marcia Gellert
Scriptural Readings

Charles Moerdler, Jane Weisbart,
Deborah Fleischman, Barbara Brodsky.

Prophetic Reading

Diane Gevirtz, Valerie Margulies,
Marcia Gellert, Harriet Levin

Prayer for America... Valerie Margulies

Responsive Reading... Barbara Brodsky

Responsive Reading.... Diane Gevirtz

Prayer Harriet Levin

Prayer Before the Ark

Charles Moerdler

THEME:

"Ideal Jewish Types".... Confirmants
Awarding of Bibles

Mrs. Isaac Brodsky

Message to Confirmants

Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Blessing of Confirmants

Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Births

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs Jr. on the birth of their son, Lawrence Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peiper and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs on the birth of a grandson; and to Mrs. Frieda Ochs and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friedman Jr. on the birth of a great grandson.

Bar Mitzvah

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Abram Blau on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Donald, which will take place on May 21st; and to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jacobs whose son, Arthur, will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* on June 25th.

Birthday

Congratulations to Mrs. Frieda Davidson on her seventy-ninth birthday which she celebrated on April 29th.

Anniversaries

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Seskis who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 22nd; to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levy who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 1st; to Rabbi and Mrs. Morris N. Kertzer who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on June 13th; to Mr. and Mrs. M. Duke Manacher who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on June 13th; to Mr. and Mrs. Max Gibson who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on June 14th; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Levin who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 15th; to Mr. and Mrs. Max Akabas who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 22nd; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krinsky who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on June 28th; to Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Layton who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 29th; and to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Rosenthal who will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on August 23rd.

Deaths

We offer sincere condolences to Mrs. Fay Abrahams on the death of her mother; to Mr. Milton Selig on the death of her brother; and to Mr. Jules Klein on the death of his wife.

Change of Address

On June 1st Rabbi Kertzer and his family will take up residence in their new home at 356 Raymond Street, Rockville Center, Long Island. The Congregation wishes them the best of luck.

Sisterhood Election At May 17th Meeting

The final meeting of the Sisterhood on Tuesday, May 17th will be highlighted by the election and installation of the officers for the 1949-50 season. The following will be recommended by the Nominations Committee: Mrs. Harold Levin, President; Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, First Vice-President; Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Howe, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. I. Edward Gevirtz, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Maurice Manheimer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mortimer Milheiser, Financial Secretary; Mrs. William Karmiol, Treasurer; Mrs. Milton Heller, Chaplain.

The Mesdames Sidney Diamond, Shy Rosen, Irving Brodsky, Tubie Resnick, Sigmund Siegal and Irwin Rome will be nominated to the Sisterhood Board.

In addition to a strawberry festival and the rendition of several musical selections by Mrs. Jacob Weil, a social hour is planned.

This is a final reminder to all members to keep Thursday, May 19th open for the annual party at Welfare Island. Mrs. Mitchell Bernstein, Chairman of the afternoon, urges all the ladies to attend.

Religious School Graduation, May 22nd

The last Sunday session of the Religious School on May 22nd will mark the graduation of class 5-6 from our Hebrew School. The graduating students in the class, Ann Ehrenthal, Mark Frankel, Jack Kaplan, Michele Kaye, Robert Rifkind and Sylvia Schneider will participate in the exercises.

Awards for excellence in attendance and scholarship will be given to students selected from each class of the Religious School by the School Board, The Parents' Association and the Junior League.

At the close of the Assembly, the students will return to the Vestry for an end-of-year party of song and dance. Refreshments will be served by the Parents' Association. All parents of our students are invited to attend this graduation ceremony which will start at 10 a.m.

Junior League Events

On Sunday evening, May 22nd at 8:30 p.m. the Junior League will hold its final dance of the year. Admission will be \$1.00 and as usual proceeds will go to charity.

The final business meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at which time election of officers for the coming year will take place.

The last event planned for the year will be the annual Junior League outing for its members on Sunday, June 5th.

United Jewish Appeal

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ous migration to Israel that is now taking place. With the aid of the UJA, approximately 25,000 homeless Jews from the DP camps of Europe, from Shanghai, and from North Africa, are arriving each month in Israel. If sufficient funds are raised, all the Jewish DP camps can be emptied by the end of this year. At least 250,000 Jews can be taken to Israel, and thousands more can find a home in America and in other lands.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Women's Committee for UJA is currently engaged in contacting directly, every woman of the Sisterhood, the Parents' Association, and the Young Marrieds Groups, for her contribution. The women of our Synagogue have always been magnificently generous in supporting this glorious cause. Last year we had the honor and distinction of raising more money than any other group of Synagogue women in greater New York. This can be a year of unparalleled growth and achievement for the Jews of the world, if each of us will accept her full responsibility for making it possible.

In addition to her husband's gift, each woman is asked to make her own personal contribution to "The Greatest Homecoming in History". We call upon all of you to give your fullest support to the 1949 United Jewish Appeal Campaign—to attend all the functions to which you are invited, and to give more than you have ever given before, to help end, at long last, the homelessness of our people overseas.

If a member of our committee has not contacted you by the end of May, won't you please call Mrs. Ruth Brodsky, Chairman, at At 9-4096, or Mrs. Muriel Morse, Co-Chairman, at At 9-1322.

Progress Report by Parents' Association

At the invitation of the Editor, the Parents' Association respectfully submits a report of its activities for the year, with justifiable pride, not only in its accomplishments, but in the selfless and unstinting effort of the many men and women who gave so much of their time and interest to the progress of the Association. Under the inspired leadership of its President, Mrs. Abram Blau, —the officers, the chairmen and members of all committees, and the newly organized class mothers worked zealously, harmoniously, and without interest in personal glory.

Because the work, this year, was shared by a large body of parents, it naturally followed that interest in the religious education of the children was aroused in a greater number of parents who enjoyed a close bond with the Rabbi, Principal, and teachers.

Through the cooperation of the School Board, the Parents rejoiced this year, in the realization of its hope for a trained educator as a full time principal of the religious school. We are grateful for our good fortune in the selection of Mr. Martin Leichtling for this position.

The Parents Association gave expression this year, to its desire for a closer affiliation with other arms of the Synagogue, in recognition of the value of working together for common interests. In this connection, the Parents' Association is proud of its success in having a voice on the Advisory Council. The Association is enormously encouraged by the evidences of support from the Sisterhood and other affiliated groups of the Synagogue in its campaign to educate the congregation at large, to the need for a new school building and community center. The committee engaged in this activity will continue to further intense interest in this vital need.

The programs for our meetings were planned in general recognition of requests from the Parents themselves. This fact, combined with the eminence of our speakers, resulted in splendid attendance at our open meetings, and consequently, in a broadening in the scope of understanding of the position of the school in relation to the child and his development.

Three teen-age dances were held this year, in an experimental endeavor to

School Observes Israel Celebration

The Religious School assembly program of May 15th observed the first anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

The girls of the upper grades of the school presented, under the direction of Miss Bat-Ari, a dance recital, entitled "The Birth of Israel." Michele Kaye and Arthur Jacobs, of class 7, spoke on "The Significance of the Establishment of Israel" and "The American Jew and Israel".

stimulate the interest of our children in social activities within the Synagogue.

A fourth dance is being planned by and for the Seminar Groups, under the supervision of the Parents' Association, and the dances next year will be planned in the light of this year's experience.

The Library Committee culminated four years of effort by turning over to the school, a well organized, well stocked library of books of Jewish interest for children, teachers and parents.

Among the most meaningful of our contributions to the welfare of our children, was made by the committee for Holiday Observances. The religious instruction of the classroom was supplemented and complimented by gifts and food appropriate to each of the religious holidays. The committee was also responsible for the education of parents in carrying out traditions and observances in the home.

This was the year that marked the first successful organization and operation of Class Mothers. "A Night of Games" served as a necessary link in cementing closer relationships among parents, in adding new members to our working groups, and in bringing into social contact with us, members of Sisterhood, the Board of Trustees, the Junior League and the Mens' Club.

Best wishes for success are extended to the officers elected to serve next year: Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, President; Mrs. Theodore Kaplan, 1st Vice-President; Mr. Abraham Kirshon, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. I. E. Gevirtz, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Joseph Druss, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Milton Helpern, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Bernard Weintraub, Treasurer; Mrs. Bruno Foa and Mr. I. Gevirtz, UPTA Delegates.